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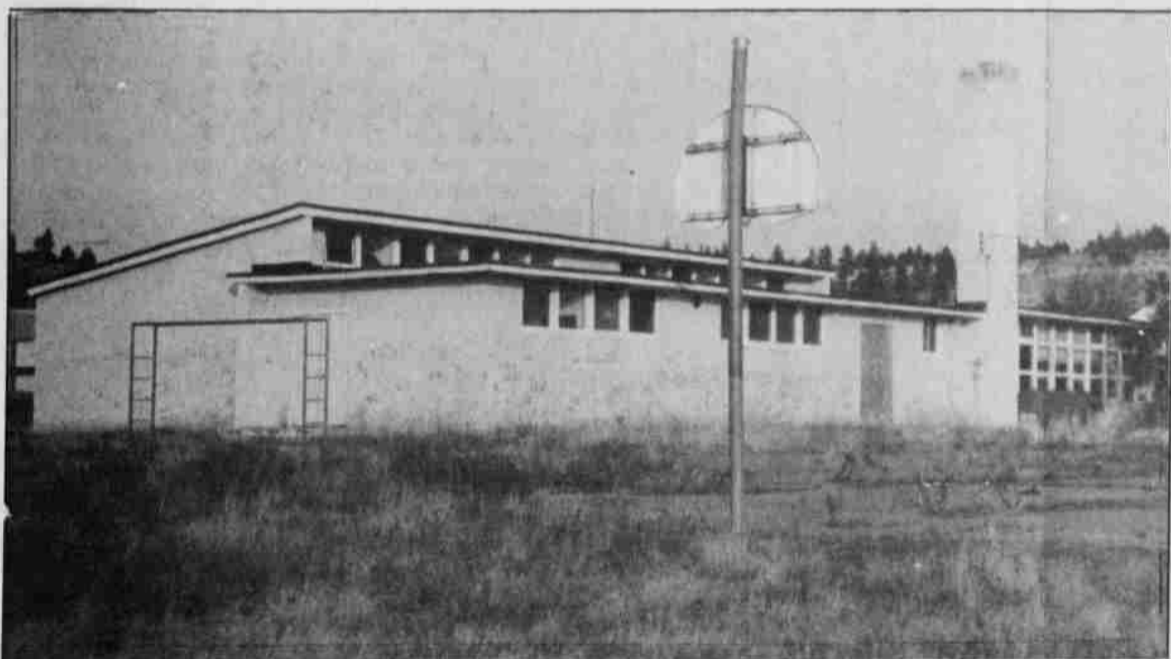
The new Early Childhood Education Center opened its doors in May to reservation children between the ages of six weeks and 14 years.



Ground was broken in July for the new \$5 million Health and Wellness Center.



The Commodities Program, open in January, has distributed food to hundreds of Warm Springs individuals.



Community members presented a petition to the 509-J School Board of Directors requesting the reopening of Simnasho School, closed in 1982.



BIA Portland Area Office director Stan Speaks (left) and Warm Springs Tribal Chairman Raymond Calica approve Integrated Resource Management Plan with signatures during ceremonies in June.

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and paths and borders Shitike Creek across from the Warm Springs Community Center.

The State of Oregon, at the insistence of the Tribes, closed the winter fishery on the Deschutes River bordering the Reservation. Trout fishing closed October 31 while steelhead fishing continued until December 31. Opening is scheduled for April.

The Museum at Warm Springs is nearing completion with a grand opening date set for March 13. A total of \$6.5 million has been allocated or raised toward construction and operation costs--the Tribe allocated \$3.2 million and the balance

has come in the form of grants and private donations from foundations, corporations and individuals.

A new general manager was hired at Warm Springs Forest Products Industries. Rick Saunders, a former U.S. Air Force pilot, began work October 5.

Tribal Vital Statistics began conducting a census among all tribal members in June. Records show tribal membership is now at 3,405. There were 18 deaths and 82 births in 1992 among tribal members. Warm Springs membership is approximately doubling every 20 years. Fifty-one percent of the tribal mem-

bership (1,746) is 21 years of age or younger. Reservation population is approximately 3,500.

The Tribe and the State of Oregon worked throughout the year on the Deschutes River Management Plan. The Plan was finalized and adopted in mid-September at a meeting in Madras.

In November, Warm Springs and Simnasho residents signed a petition requesting that the Simnasho school, closed in 1982, be reopened. Petitioners noted that travel time to school may be cause for poor attendance and felt that Impact Aid Monies could be used to reopen and staff the fac-

ity. The 509-J School District currently receives about \$2.6 million from the federal government in lieu of property taxes to offset the cost of educating tribal member students.

The Tribe learned in early December that a \$207,500 Oregon Community Development Block Grant had been awarded to upgrade the Greeley Heights water system. Jefferson County will administer the project while the Tribe will provide engineering and inspection services.

This by no means is a complete review of 1992. Hopefully, it will jog the memory and help us recall the better times of the year.